



City of NORFOLK

C: Dir., Norfolk Emergency Preparedness and Response

To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia

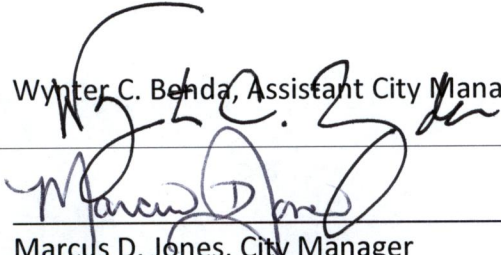
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From: Jim Redick, Director, EOC

Subject: Team Norfolk Emergency
Operations and Resilience
Framework Resolution

Reviewed: Wynter C. Benda, Assistant City Manager

Ward/Superward: N/A

Approved: 
Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

Item Number: R-4

I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution

II. **Applicant:** City of Norfolk

III. **Description**

This agenda item is submitted for Council approval of the latest emergency operations plan, following recent review efforts. Virginia Code requires each locality to have an Emergency Operations Plan and undergo a comprehensive review and revision every four years ([§44-146.19.E](#)). Norfolk City Council last adopted its revised plan on August 31, 2010. The document section specifically entitled "Basic Plan" satisfies this requirement; however, the Team Norfolk Emergency Operations and Resilience Framework takes additional steps so as to include capabilities and resources of community partners.

IV. **Analysis**

- Building on the Team Norfolk model, being presented to Council is no longer a "City of Norfolk Emergency Operations Plan," but instead a Team Norfolk Emergency Operations and Resilience Framework – inclusive of the inputs, talents, capabilities and resources of our community partners.
- This Framework serves as the Team's overarching planning document. The Team Norfolk Emergency Operations and Resilience Framework is the City's "Plan" just as much as it is Norfolk Public Schools', our Higher Education Institutions', our Critical Infrastructure Partners', and many others in the community. It is designed to serve as the structure which details roles, responsibilities, and realistic expectations, to which all Team Norfolk agencies develop their Standard Operating Procedures. The Framework describes what needs to be accomplished and by whom, while Agency Standard Operating Procedures describe how.

- This Framework focuses on process more than plan. A disaster, by its very definition, is an event which will present issues and challenges outside of any operations plan. This Framework allows the flexibility through process and relationships to respond and rebound from any hazard. In some cases, specific tasks and timelines are crucial for coordination and, thus, are included within Hazard-Specific Annexes.
- This Framework is not a response plan only referenced during time of emergencies. This comprehensive collection of materials should be utilized and relied upon daily for planning, training, and exercising. It should constantly be communicated and challenged, while undergoing continuous revision. This approach will serve to improve our ability to inform and prepare our community about the many hazards we face and how we as a resilient community will mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from threats.

V. Financial Impact

This Framework was developed at no direct cost to the locality. Relying on the time and inputs of community partners, and leveraging resources and grant-funded projects from all levels of government and other regions, Norfolk Emergency Preparedness and Response developed this Framework. Failure to adopt will put the City out of compliance and ineligible for future emergency management grants.

VI. Environmental

N/A

VII. Community Outreach/Notification

Public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the City of Norfolk's City Council agenda notification process. This Framework was developed with the input of Norfolk City and Community Partners.

VIII. Coordination/Outreach

This resolution has been coordinated with the Emergency Operations Center and the City Attorney's Office.

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Form and Correctness Approval.

By [Signature]
Office of the City Attorney

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
PLAN AS REVISED.

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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norfolk, Virginia recognizes the need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk has a responsibility to provide for the safety and well being of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk has established and appointed a Director and Coordinator of Emergency Management; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- The Emergency Operations Plan as revised is officially adopted.

Section 2:- That the Director of Emergency Management, or his/her designee, are tasked and authorized to maintain and revise as necessary this document over the next four (4) year period or until such time it be ordered to come before this Council.

Section 3:- That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.